

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed March 9, 2007. Currently, claims 20, 22-40 and 78 and 79 remain pending of which claims 23-38, and 40, were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 17, 19-20, 23, 39, 52, 57, 64, and 69 have been rejected and claims 21, 78 and 79 have been objected to. In this amendment, claims 20, 78, and 79 have been amended and claims 1-19, 21, 52-55, 57, 58, 64-67, 69, 70, 76 and 77 have been canceled. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

In paragraph 7 of the Final Office Action, claims 1, 17, 19, 52, 57, 64, and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krause et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,322,505). Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is mute in view of applicant's cancellation of the rejected claims. Applicant has cancelled these claims to advance the prosecution of the current application, and reserves the right to further prosecute these claims in a continuation or divisional application.

In paragraph 9 of the Final Office Action, claims 20, 22, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goodin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,066,114). After careful review, Applicant must respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 21 which was indicated as allowable by the Examiner. In view of this amendment to claim 20, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 is now in condition for allowance. As claims 22 and 39 depend from claim 20 and include additional significant elements, Applicant submits that these claims as well are in condition for allowance.

Claims 78 and 79 were indicated as allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all limitations and base claim in any intervening claim. Applicant has incorporated the limitations of base claim 20 into each of these claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim 78 and 79 are in condition for allowance.

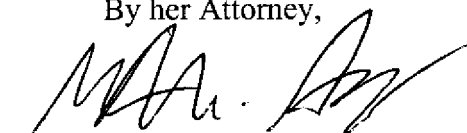
In view of the foregoing, all pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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